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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/06

SPONSOR Ortiz Y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Community Action Programs SB 140

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 140 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of supporting existing community action programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD reports that current funding for this program comes from the Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). The current funding for this program is budgeted at three million two hundred thousand dollars (\$3,200.0) in CSBG funds and one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180.0) for CSBG discretionary funds. This funding is made available to community action agencies statewide through several Joint Powers Agreements (JPAs) between HSD and each community action agency.

This appropriation would provide state general funds to supplement the federal CSBG funding made available to 9 community action agencies statewide.

The CSBG program provides emergency assistance to persons and families in local communities for food, housing, medicine, work and education. Community action agencies use current funding to leverage additional funding to maximize their service capacity for their communities.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

With additional funds available for these programs, HSD may want to reevaluate the scope of work and level of performance indicators for these programs in the contracts.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Consideration should be given to specifying what programs are augmented to insure legislative intent.

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